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REMARKS

Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for considering the present application. In the Office Action dated March, 2005, claims 1-50 are pending in the application. Claims 36-50 have been withdrawn from consideration. The allowability of claims 3, 8, 12, 16, 20, 23, 27, and 34 is noted.

Claim 30 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. Applicants have amended claim 30 to recite a first body portion rather than the first planar member.

Claims 1-2, 4-7, 9-11, 13-15, 17-19, 21-22, 24-26, 28-29, 31-33, and 35 stand rejected on 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being clearly anticipated by Clements (U.S. Patent No. 5,692,402). Applicants have either amended these claims or cancelled the claims set forth above with the exception of claim 26. Claim 26 recites that the anchor device has a longitudinal side on the lateral side. The notch is formed in the lateral side. This claim depends from claim 24 and is believed to be allowable for the same reasons that claim 3 were deemed allowable above. Applicant, therefore, respectfully requests the Examiner to reconsider the rejection of claim 26.

It should also be noted that claim 27 has been rewritten in independent form without the limitations of claim 26. Applicants believe that claims 26 and 27 are independently patentable and, therefore, they have been rewritten separately in independent form.

In light of the remarks above, Applicants submit that all objections and rejections are now overcome. The application is now in condition for allowance and expeditious notice thereof is earnestly solicited. Should the Examiner have any

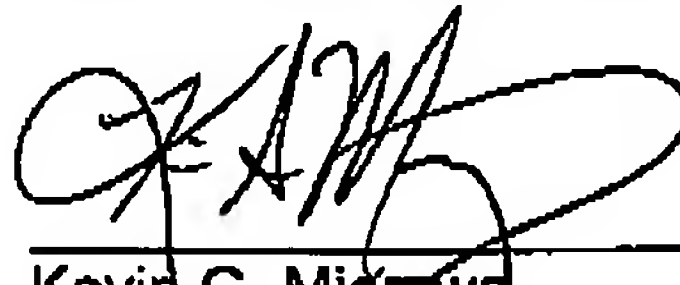
questions or comments, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney.

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Respectfully submitted,

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